

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Llew Jones (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 134, 3/24/2017  
Executive Action: HB 185, Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 487, Be Concurred In As Amended

00:00:03 Chair Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487**

00:01:13 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:33 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

00:02:33 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

00:03:19 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 487 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(eds65a01)

**Discussion:**

00:03:35 Chair Salomon

00:05:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:05:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185**

00:06:05 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**  
(amendment previously passed by committee on 3/10/2017)  
**EXHIBIT**(eds65a02)

**Discussion:**

00:06:29 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:07:14 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 185 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(eds65a03)

**Discussion:**

00:07:54 Sen. Regier

00:08:17 Mr. McCracken, LSD

00:08:50 Chair Salomon

00:09:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:09:18 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:09:32 Sen. Facey

00:09:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:41 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 134, Revise school funding related to facilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:53 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:14:48 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:17:01 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers

00:17:20 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:16 Sen. Facey

00:18:43 Mr. Miller, SAM

00:19:02 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:19:22 Sen. Facey

00:21:25 Mr. McCracken, LSD

00:22:08 Sen. Facey

00:22:24 Rep. Essmann

00:22:52 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA

00:24:43 Sen. Regier

00:25:38 Mr. McCracken

00:26:12 Chair Salomon

00:26:19 Mr. McCracken

00:26:48 Chair Salomon

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:57 Rep. Essmann

00:29:11 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:20 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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